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SUBJECT: MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS SEEKS TO BUILD ECONOMIC
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1. DCM AND ECONCOUNSELOR CALLED ON ABDULLAH ALI REZA, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, NEWLY FORMED DEPARTMENT WITHIN FONMIN. HE IS IN PROCESS OF BUILDING A STAFF AND HAS WRITTEN TO IBRD AND IMF LOOKING FOR PERMANENT CADRE TO STAFF ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT. HE SAID HE DID NOT JUST WISH TO HIRE TRANSLATORS BUT MUST FIND BILINGUAL ECONOMISTS. ECONCOUNSELOR SUGGESTED POSSIBLY EMBASSY COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN SEARCHING FOR BILINGUAL UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS WHO HAD COMPLETED GRADUATE DEGREES IN US UNIVERSITIES.

2. EMBASSY WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE OF ANY ASSISTANCE WHICH CU OR INR COULD PROVIDE IN TAPPING ACADEME FOR POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR SUCH EMPLOYMENT. AMBASSADOR ALI REZA WAS INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT SALARIES MIGHT HAVE TO BE IN REACHING DESCRIBED PERSONNEL.

3. AMBASSADOR PORTER WISHES THE DEPARTMENT TO KNOW THAT HE ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS IN ITS SEARCH FOR QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AND

HOPES THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE
FORTHCOMING IN ITS ASSISTANCE.
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